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NORTH CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

1998 ANNUAL REPORT

TO

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

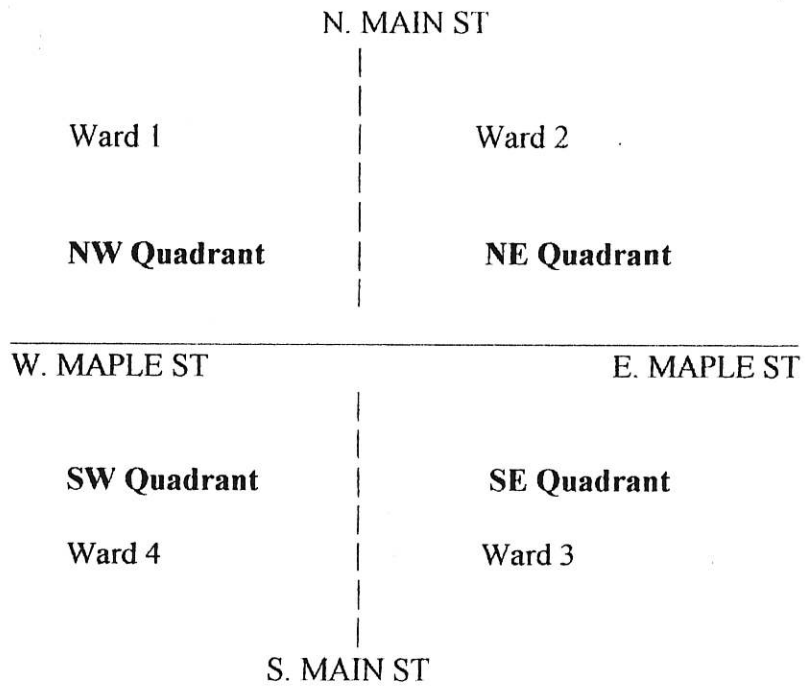
The mission for the department is to consistently seek and find ways to affirmatively promote, preserve, and deliver a feeling of security, safety, and quality services to members of our community. The department provides car / house lockout assistance, tours, fingerprinting services, speeches by officers, response to serious emergency medical calls involving breathing and bleeding problems, D.A.R.E. program, Explorer program, along with answering the standard police type responses . The bike patrol and S.M.A.R.T. trailer were utilized much more in 1998 and received positive feedback from the citizens. Information was assembled for use on the City's new Internet page this year.

The radio dispatch room operates 24 hours a day answering and dispatching calls for the police, fire , and emergency medical units. The dispatchers also handle citizen walk-in inquiries for information, reports, directions, and other needs. All requests for services are entered into the computer starting at this point. Our dispatch handles 911 calls which automatically enter the address into the computer and printout the address on a dedicated 911 dispatch printer. Fire and EMS calls are also printed out into the individual stations at the time of receiving the call. All calls can be "tagged" for follow-up by individual shifts so that problems can be adequately addressed. Addresses can be "tagged" so that the dispatcher can be alerted to important information concerning that particular address such as warrants, medical problems, family members to be contacted, and much other information.

The department operates by having uniform officers working straight shifts. Each shift is supervised by a lieutenant. Patrol units are assigned to particular zones or areas so that a cruiser can respond quickly to a citizen request. Cruisers can also be assigned to specific traffic details where there have been complaints of violations. Officers that are trained in specific areas and problems can be called out and utilized when needed. The goal of the department is to display enough visible manpower to deter crime, enforce violations, and to respond quickly with professional and courteous officers to solve the citizen's complaints.

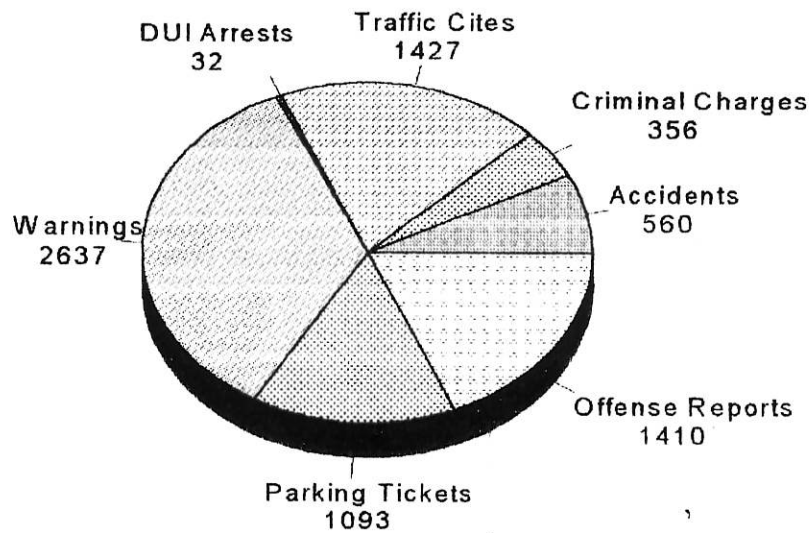
Some of the facts and figures for 1998 are listed in this report. Graphs are included to show comparisons with other years.

POLICE ZONES FOR DATA REFERENCE



N.C.P.D. ACTIVITY

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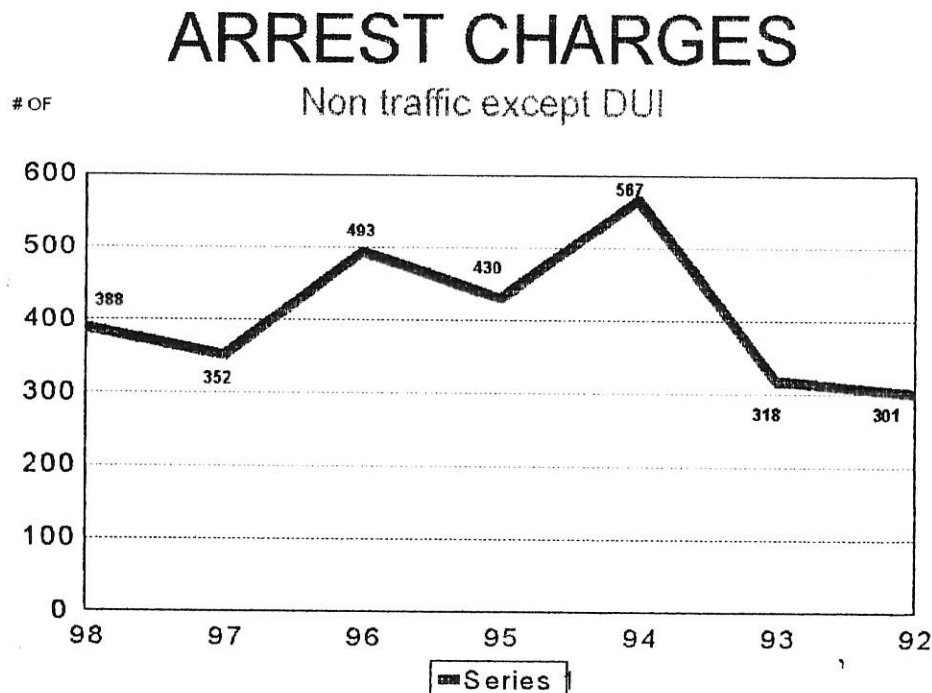


ARREST CHARGES

Total arrest charges are those charges that are not traffic citations. The exception is operating a motor vehicle while under the influence (DUI) which is categorized as an arrest charge. There were 388 total arrest charges with 254 filed against adults and 134 against juveniles. Included were a total of 32 DUI charges with 30 filed against adults and 2 against juveniles.

The top type of arrest charges for adults were for warrants (84), DUI (30), domestic violence (29), theft (24), and drug charges (22). The top type of arrest charges for juveniles were liquor violations (21), disorderly conduct (21), drug violations (20), unruly (19), theft (18), and criminal damaging (18). There were also assaults (9), truancy (6), domestic violence (6), and weapons violations (5).

Adults are incarcerated in the Stark County jail facility and juveniles are placed at the Multi-County Juvenile Attention Center in Stark County when necessary. Female juveniles are sometimes placed at the Tuscarawas Juvenile Center when there is no space available in Stark County.



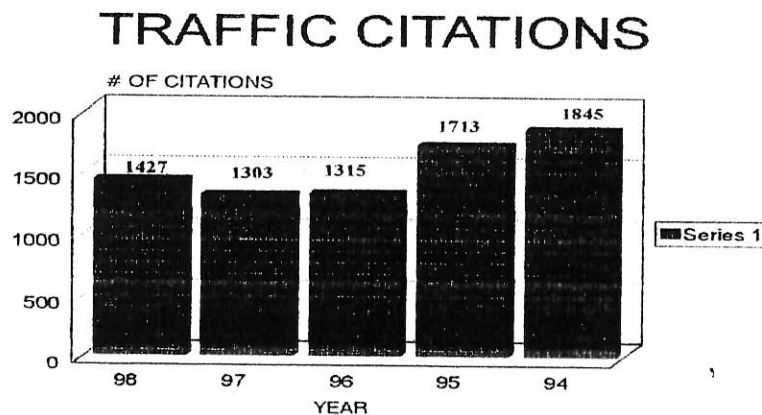
TRAFFIC CITATIONS / WARNINGS / PARKING TICKETS:

There were 1427 traffic charges issued in 1998. Approximately 32% of the violations were for speed. The main types of violations cited for were speed (433), obey traffic signals (165), license plate violations (150), stop signs (121) and assured clear distance (114).

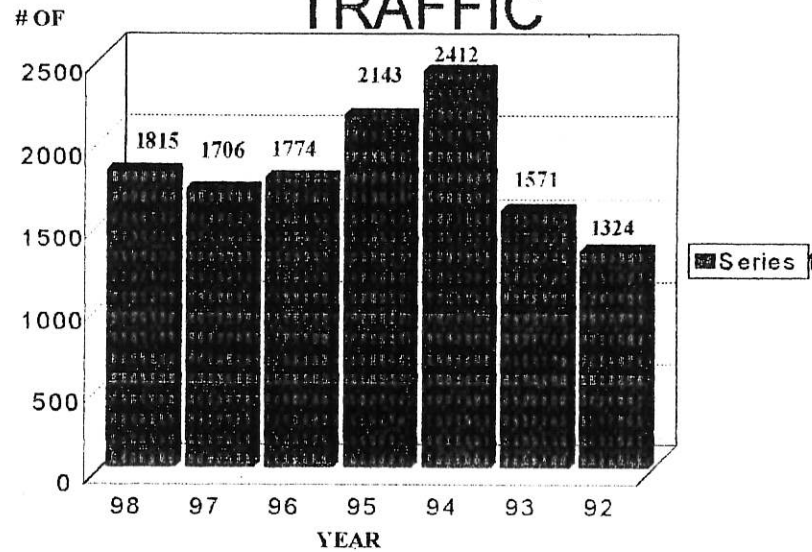
The top streets in order where speeding tickets were issued were South Main Street, Everhard Road SW, and the area of Easton/East Maple Streets. The top traffic light violation intersections in order were South Main Street & Schneider Road, North Main Street and Charlotte Street, South Main Street and Bachtel Street, and North Main Street and Applegrove Street. Stop sign violation intersections in order were Radford Avenue NE and Sheffield Street NE, Glenwood Street SW and Sunset Boulevard SW, and Woodrow Street NW and Werstler Avenue NW.

There were a total of 2637 written traffic warnings issued. The top type of violations issued warnings were speed, defective lights, stop signs, obey traffic signal, and license plate violations.

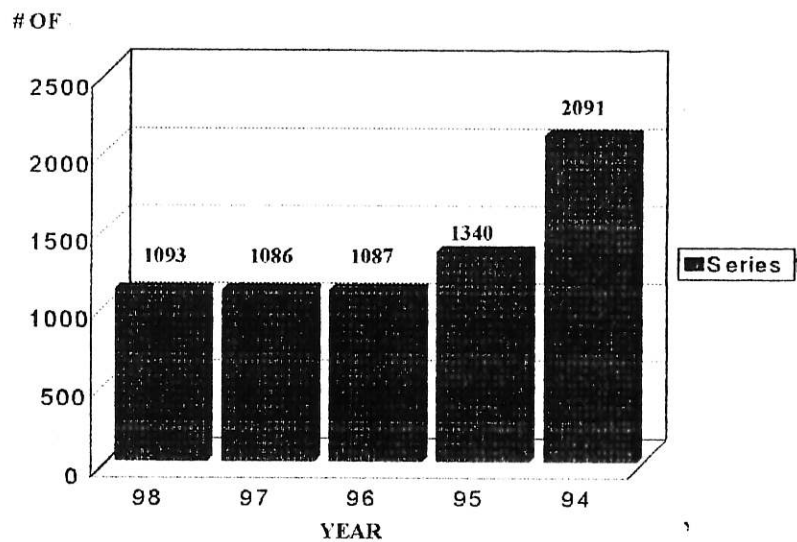
There were 1093 parking tickets issued. Over 59% were issued for the overtime parking between 2 A.M. and 6 A.M. Other top violations were for facing the wrong direction, prohibited areas, and parking on a crosswalk or sidewalk.



TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS & TRAFFIC



PARKING TICKETS



OFFENSE REPORTS:

There were 1410 types of offenses reported in 1998. The break down of some of these types of offenses are as follows.

Vehicle Thefts = 10 Stolen & 1 Attempted

- 1 recovered during theft getaway
- 4 vehicles still missing
- 6 incidents in SW quadrant
- 3 incidents in NW quadrant
- 1 incident each in NE & SE quadrant

- 2 incidents from residential driveways
- 1 incident from residential garage
- 8 incidents from business lots or apartment complex lots

Domestic Violence :

Violence Calls = 48	(1997=50)	Adults Arrested = 29
Dispute Calls = 75	(1997=63)	Juveniles Arrested = 6
Total Calls = 123	(1997 = 113)	Total Arrested: 35 (1997 = 33)

Burglaries = 68

- 26 in SW quadrant
- 23 in NW quadrant
- 14 in NE quadrant
- 5 in SE quadrant

Breaking & Entering = 20

6 in NE quadrant
5 in NW quadrant
5 in SW quadrant
4 in SE quadrant

Sex Cases = 16

Rape = 6
Public Indecency = 6
Sexual Imposition = 2
Gross Sexual Imposition = 1
Voyeurism = 1

Drug Cases: = 36

Possession Drugs = 16
Paraphernalia = 16
Deception To Obtain = 2
Trafficking = 1
Illegal Processing Drug Document = 1

Major Crimes:

Murder = 0	Burglaries = 68
Rape = 6	Larceny = 276
Robbery = 2	Vehicle Theft = 9 (not 10 since 1 recovered during theft try)
Aggravated Assault = 0	Arson = 6

Weapons Cases = 6

4 Carrying Concealed Weapon

1 Under Disability

1 Intoxication with

1 Improper in Motor Vehicle

School Cases:

Middle School = 18 responses for 24 incidents/violations

4 Theft/Receiving // 4 Criminal Mischief/Damaging // 1 Assault //

4 Truancy // 3 Disorderly/Inducing Panic // 2 Weapons // 6 Other

High School = 23 responses for 27 incidents / violations

7 Drugs // 4 Theft // 3 Disorderly // 3 Criminal Mischief / Criminal

Damaging // 2 Assault // 2 Menacing // 2 Casualty // 4 Other

Clearmount School = 3 responses for 3 violations/incidents

2 Thefts // 1 Unruly

Orchardhill School = 2 responses for 3 violations

1 Aggravated Menacing // 1 Domestic Dispute // 1

Weapons

Kindergarten School = 1 response for 1 violation / incident - 1 Theft

St Paul's School = 1 response for 1 violation / incident - 1 Theft

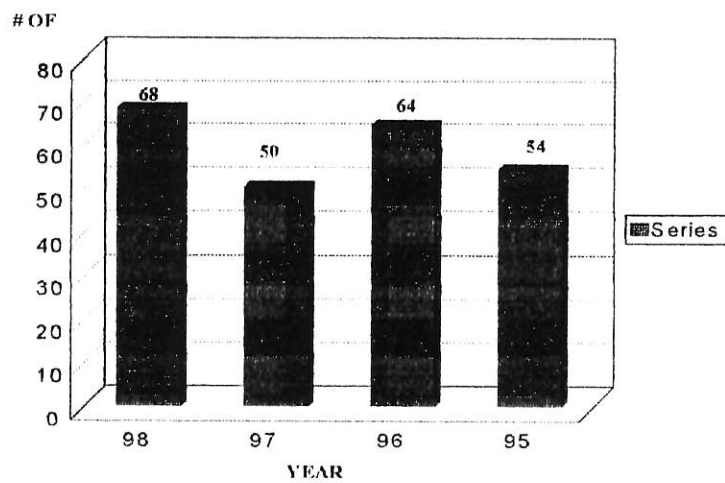
Northwood School = 1 response for 1 violation / incident - 1 Vandalism

MAJOR CRIMES

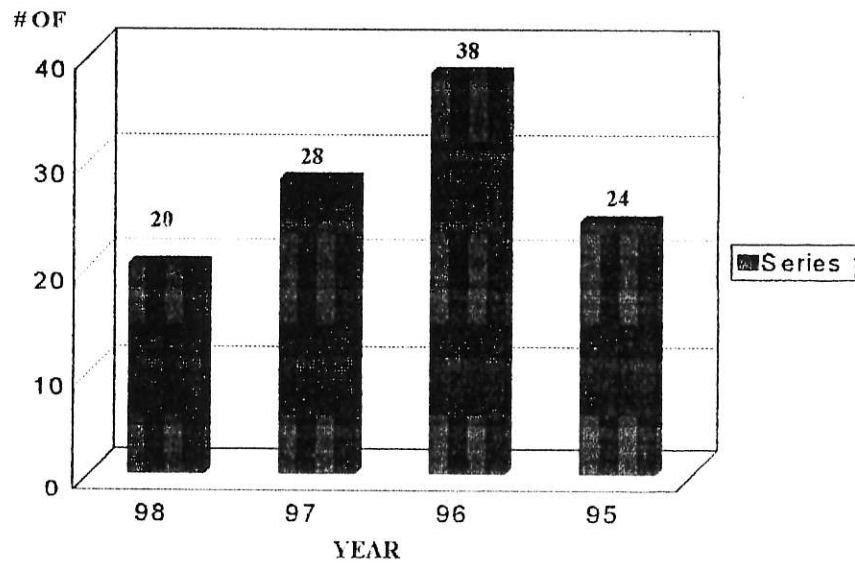
City North Canton

YEAR	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGR ASSAULT	BURGLARY	LARCENY	VEH THEFT	ARSON
1993	0	3	11	2	80	241	15	0
1994	0	4	5	8	77	216	17	0
1995	0	8	7	3	54	219	12	2
1996	0	5	6	5	64	254	12	2
1997	0	7	8	5	50	288	13	3
1998	0	6	2	0	68	276	10	2

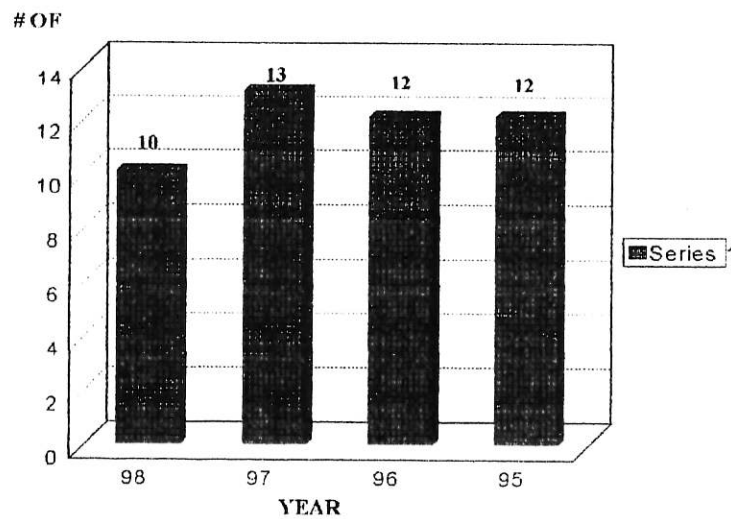
BURGLARIES



BREAKING & ENTERINGS



STOLEN VEHICLES



ACCIDENTS:

There were 560 reported accidents in 1998 and the break down is as follows.

425 public property accidents

137 private property accidents

113 injury accidents with 157 persons claiming injury

injury accidents clustered as follows:

- * From 7th St north on N. Main to Orion including first 2 blocks east & west along major intersections such as 7th, Holl, Woodrow, Applegrove Sts.

- * From Square south along all of S. Main St including first 2 blocks east & west along major intersections. A major cluster around Everhard & Main intersection

Month with most accidents = August

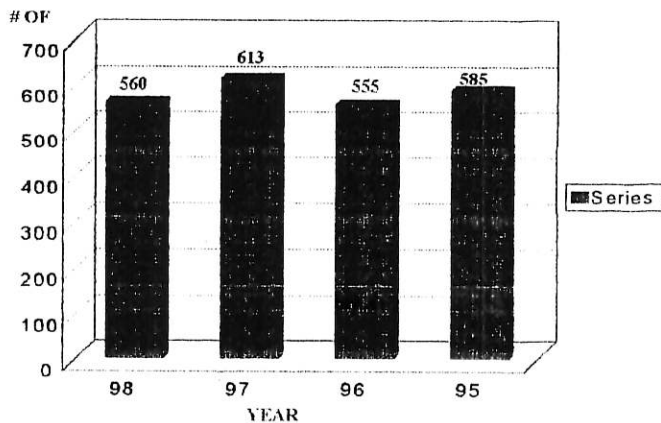
Month with least accidents = September

Day with most accidents = Wednesday

Day with least accidents = Sunday

Over 53 % of accidents occur between 12 noon - 6pm

ACCIDENTS



ALARMS AND CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS)

The police department received 1168 alarm calls from over 350 sites during 1998. Most of the calls were accidental or false calls. The breakdown is as follows.

Top Business Alarm Addresses Responded To:

- 43 = Columbia Statcare, 6200 Whipple Av NW
- 32 = North Canton Medical Foundation, 6046 Whipple Av NW
- 30 = United Bank, 1340 North Main St
- 28 = First Merit Citizens Bank, 101 North Main St
- 20 = Camelot Music, 8000 Freedom Av NW (Dispatcher handled)

Top Private Residence Alarm Addresses Responded To:

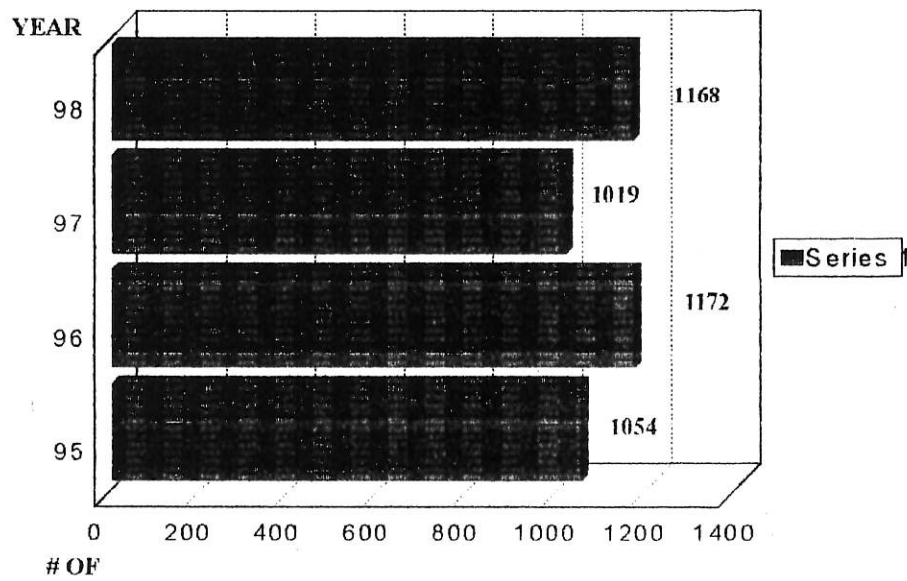
- 25 = 1498 Alexandria SE
- 24 = 1283 Westfield Av Sw
- 9 = 640 Deerfield Av SW
- 8 = 1351 College St SE
- 8 = 1022 Lindy Lane SW

The police dispatch center made 38966 calls for service (CFS) during 1998. A call for service is a computer entry by the dispatcher on calls that officers respond to, lunches, traffic stops, calls from citizens, hazards, prisoners on and off post, other agencies using our equipment such as the BAC data master machine, and other things that the dispatcher or supervisor deems appropriate. This CFS system allows the department to track many items and insures an adequate response or check when needed. The breakdown for the time of calls is as follows.

Calls For Service = 38966

- 0630 - 1429 = 13650
- 1430 - 2229 = 15649
- 2230 - 0629 = 9667

ALARM CALLS



Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer

In July of 1996, the North Canton Police Department placed into service the S.M.A.R.T. System. SMART stands for *Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer*. The SMART system consists of a Radar Unit and Computer interface which will check the speed of vehicles and display that speed on a Read Out which can be observed by approaching traffic. The intention of the unit is to make drivers aware of their speed. When the Police Department receives complaints from residences of the city about traffic volume and/or speed violations, the SMART System is placed in that area for a period of time.

In addition to monitoring and advising motorists of their speed, the unit will also count the number of vehicles passing its location. The computer in the unit will record speeds and calculate the time and date of the maximum speed, and minimum speed of vehicles. The report which is printed out will indicate average speeds of vehicles within the time frame of its activity. These reports are not only useful to the Police Department, but further assist in Traffic Engineering and planning.

When it is discovered that speeds monitored are above acceptable levels, the area will be patrolled and monitored by cruiser mounted radar units, and enforcement action will be taken.

Since the purchase of the SMART System, many residential streets have been monitored, and a survey has been done on high volume streets such as North and South Main Street, Portage Street, Everhard Rd. S.W. and Glenwood Ave. S.W.

Public opinion has been very good, and the monitoring of speeds in selected areas has had a positive effect on vehicular speed. Police are receptive to calls from residences who feel as if they are having a traffic speed problem in their neighborhood. By calling the Chief of Police the SMART Unit will be scheduled for monitoring areas which are experiencing speeding problems.

Police Vehicles

Chief Lindower started a new mileage program for the marked cruisers to try and keep all the cruisers close to the same mileage. Vehicle breakdown is as follows.

Marked Cruisers #1 , 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 are 1997 Ford Crown Vics used by patrol officers

C101 is an unmarked 1993 Ford Crown Vic detective bureau car

C102 is an unmarked 1996 Dodge Caravan used for traveling to schools and pulling the speed trailer to it's locations. This car was a seizure as a result of a DUI arrest.

C106 is an unmarked 1991 Chevy Caprice detective bureau car also used for traveling to schools and court.

C107 is an unmarked 1993 Ford Crown Vic used by the police chief.

C35 is a marked 1991 Chevy Camaro used by the D.A.R.E. officer. This car came from a seizure as a result of a drug arrest.